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## **COLOR OF MONEY WORKSHOP FOR WOMEN OF COLOR**

*Agencies collaborate on a program for women of color, focusing on retirement and money issues*

Women's experience of growing old in America is much different from men's. Additionally, as America ages, the population is becoming increasingly diverse. Representing the majority of older adults, women are the face of an aging population made up of diverse communities, each confronting unique challenges and facing different realities.

According to the 1998 Social Security report, "*How Does Social Security Benefit Women?*", women represent 60% of all Social Security recipients at age 65 and 72% of all recipients at age 85. The truth remains: All older women rely on Social Security income to meet their financial needs.

The Older Women's League – The Voice of Midlife and Older Women (OWL) has approved a grant request to host a public education forum, "The Color of Money," to build a greater understanding of America's retirement system and women's stake in the discussions of reformation.

Working collaboratively, the Lincoln-Lancaster Women's Commission, the Hispanic Community and the National Council of Negro Women, Lincoln Chapter will present "The Color of Money" at the Malone Community Center, 2032 U Street, on Saturday, March 27, 2004. Beginning 8 a.m. until noon, the workshop is open to all women, with a special emphasis on younger women, and specifically encourages dialogues with African American and Latina women about their significant vulnerability to retirement insecurity.

National OWL presenters, Ann Widger, Consultant on Retirement Issues for Women, and Elizabeth Runkle will discuss current Social Security issues facing Congress. Malone Center's Executive Director Tami Soper will help facilitate the group.

The event is free of charge and registration is limited to 50 women. A light breakfast will be served. To make reservations, call the Lincoln-Lancaster Women's Commission at 441-7716.

